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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/926,817 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 21, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1772  
FOR: MULTI-LAYERED TUBE AND :  
MEDICAL DEVICE COMPRISING :  
MULTI-LAYERED TUBE :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 1, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.